



Guadalupe Westside Community Plan

PUBLIC SAFETY & CODE COMPLIANCE

Goals, Objectives and Action Steps





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GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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Promoting Responsible Pet Ownership

The Public Safety and Code Compliance Chapter focuses on public safety and code compliance issues. Issues addressed include: **Neighborhood Beautification, Animal Care, Police, Crime Prevention, Safe Environments, Long-Term Drug Treatment & Use Prevention, Prostitution Prevention, Graffiti Removal & Prevention, Reduction of Gang Activity.**



Prevent Loose and Homeless Animals



Volunteers at a neighborhood cleanup



City of San Antonio Housing and
Neighborhood Services Department





Public Art along Guadalupe St.



Tagging in Planning Area



Area Code Compliance Issue

Call 311

311 is a telephone number which connects citizens with specially-trained customer service representatives who are ready to help with City service requests... Potholes, stray animals, street signs, trash collection or general City information. 311 provides access to customer service assistance 24-hours a day, seven days a week..



Tagging in Planning Area





GOAL 10: CODE COMPLIANCE

Improve the appearance of area neighborhoods and reduce code compliance violations in both residential and commercial areas.

Code Compliance infractions affect neighborhood appearance, health, and safety. It may include such things as front yard parking, non-operable cars, excessive outside storage, trash dumping, and rodent problems.

OBJECTIVE 10.1: EDUCATE COMMUNITY ABOUT CODE REGULATIONS

Educate residents about the importance of keeping a clean and safe environment and complying with code regulations.

10.1.1 Invite Code Compliance to community organization meetings to provide information about what constitutes a code violation, how the citation process works and how to resolve applicable conflicts.

- Organize a group of concerned residents to hold neighborhood house meetings and invite Code Compliance to present educational information, exchange concerns and recommend improvements to the process.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: COSA Code Compliance and Housing and Neighborhood Services Divisions, Neighborhood and Community Organizations, Area Businesses, Local Residents, Local Churches, COPS/Metro Alliance

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer

10.1.2 Utilize area schools to educate students about proper waste disposal.

- Request permission from area school principals to allow flyers to be sent home with children to their parents on a regular basis regarding different code compliance topics.
- Increase the number of public trash can at area schools.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: COSA Code Compliance, School District, Neighborhood and Community Organizations, PTA

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer





10.1.3 Promote the use of the City 311 Citizen Call Center for reporting code violations.

- When contacting 311, request a call back from the department and ask to be provided with an incident tracking number for follow-up purposes.
- Provide as many details as possible to Code Compliance regarding location of incident and extent of violation.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: COSA Code Compliance, Neighborhood and Community Organizations, COPS/Metro Alliance

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer

10.1.4 Contact your City Council Representative to discuss the number of code compliance officers available in your area and whether the coverage is adequate.

- The number of Code Compliance Officers designated to a given area correlates to the quantity of calls received by the department from area residents.
- Work with the City of San Antonio Code Compliance Division and City Council Person to improve the citation and mitigation of code compliance issues.

Timeline: Short and on-going

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: COSA Code Compliance, Neighborhood and Community Organizations, City Council Person

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer, General Fund

OBJECTIVE 10.2: ASSIST PROPERTY OWNERS WITH CODE COMPLIANCE

Increase communication between community organizations and neighbors in order to identify situations in which the resolution of a code issue is beyond a resident's capability to fix.

10.2.1 Provide assistance to homeowners unable to comply with Code Compliance requirements due to advanced age and/or financial hardships.

- Establish neighbor-to-neighbor help program to assist residents, particularly the elderly, with code compliance violations.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: Neighborhood Associations and Community Groups, SAISD Youth Service Programs, Church Service Programs, College Service Organizations, COPS/Metro Alliance, COSA Housing and Neighborhood Services Community Toolbox, Making Connections Time/ Dollar Community Connections Program

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer, Private Donations





OBJECTIVE 10.3: NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

Protect and promote the unique character of the neighborhoods and commercial corridors while improving their physical appearance.

10.3.1 Apply to the COSA Housing and Neighborhood Services Department for a Neighborhood Sweep for a portion of the Guadalupe Westside area.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: COSA Housing and Neighborhood Services Department, Neighborhood Associations and Community Groups, City Council Person

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Program

NEIGHBORHOOD SWEEPS

A sweep is an intensive four-week concentration of the delivery of city services to targeted neighborhoods. Once the neighborhood is identified, community meetings are conducted to assist residents in identifying priorities. Services include, but are not limited to: street repair, vacant lot clean up, brush collection and code inspections. During the 4-week period, a staffed mobile unit is stationed at each site to allow residents to meet with city personnel to voice neighborhood concerns. A program application can be requested from the COSA Housing and Neighborhood Services Department or on the Department website at: www.sanantonio.gov/nad/

10.3.2 Work with Keep San Antonio Beautiful, Inc. and other City Departments to promote community clean-up and recycling days several times a year.

- Recruit residents, including youth, local businesses and churches to assist with clean-up endeavors and neighborhood projects.
- Reserve a garbage truck from Environmental Services Department/Keep San Antonio Beautiful's Dial-A-Trailer Program for the clean-up so people can dispose of unwanted items and trash such as old sofas, brush and tires.
- Work with COSA police officers to get probationers and juvenile detention youth to provide labor to help clean up graffiti, trash, alleys and neighborhood eyesores.
- Enlist the help of school organizations (student council, environmental club, ROTC, etc.) and Boy and Girl Scout troops, to help in beautification projects.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee and Neighborhood Associations

Partnerships: Keep San Antonio Beautiful, COSA Environmental Services Department, SAFFE Officers, COSA Housing and Neighborhood Services Department, local businesses, churches, school organizations, COPS / Metro Alliance

Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteers, Existing Programs





COMMUNITY TOOL SHED

Tools available through the Neighborhood Services Department's Community Tool Shed include lawn mowers, weed eaters, chain saws, garden tools, and painting supplies. The items are available to recognized community and neighborhood-based groups and individual residents interested in completing beautification and clean-up projects in distressed communities. To qualify for use of Community Tool Shed equipment, an individual or organization must provide the following information: Name, Address, Phone Number of recognized organization/individual, point of contact for organization, description of service project to be completed (including location/address), and the number of volunteers to be coordinated. Finally, an organization or individual must submit dates and times to pick up and return tools and equipment.

For more information: Housing and Neighborhood Services Department, 207-2819

DIAL-A-TRAILER

The Dial-A-Trailer program jointly operated through the Environmental Services Department and Keep San Antonio Beautiful, assists neighborhood associations and non-profit groups by providing garbage trucks and staff on a first-come first-served basis for neighborhood cleanups. Call 311 to make a reservation.

10.3.3 Apply to be part of the Keep San Antonio Beautiful "Adopt a Spot" Litter Control Program in residential and commercial areas.

Timeline: Mid

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: COSA Code Compliance, Keep San Antonio Beautiful, SAISD, Local Businesses, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, Cellular on Patrol (COPS)

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal, Volunteer and Existing Programs

10.3.4 Identify Commercial Corridors for the Keep San Antonio Beautiful Adopt-A-Spot Program, and coordinate with local businesses along those corridors to discourage litter throughout the year.

- Identify corridors within the planning area that could benefit, and coordinate with Keep San Antonio Beautiful to bring the program to those corridors.
- Work with area businesses to explore placing signs and more trash cans on their property to encourage on-premise disposal of food containers and other waste products.

Timeline: Mid





Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: COSA Code Compliance, Keep San Antonio Beautiful, Inc., SAISD, Area Businesses, Neighborhood and Community Organizations, COSA NCR Program

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer, Existing Program, Private Funds

The Adopt-A-Spot program operates by having individuals, groups, schools, and businesses enter into an agreement to “adopt” certain parts of the City and clean the area of litter 4 times per year. If accepted for the program, Keep San Antonio Beautiful sends a request to COSA Public Works to have an “Adopt a Spot” sign placed in the area to designate the target area. For more information and to apply, call 207-6461.

OBJECTIVE 10.4: ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

Increase public education regarding responsible pet ownership and animal welfare.

10.4.1 Provide information to community groups and organizations.

- Establish a bi-annual information campaign at local libraries, schools, and animal welfare groups.
- Discuss city licensing requirements, animal welfare issues and animal code (for example; the number of dogs, cats and/or chickens allowed per household) at school board, PTA, and neighborhood association meetings.

Timeline: Mid

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: COSA Animal Care Department, Humane Society, PTA's, Girl and Boy Scouts, Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP), Animal Resource Center, Man & Beast, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Programs

10.4.2 Invite school-age children to take a field trip to the Humane Society facilities.

Timeline: Mid

Lead Partner: PTA's

Partnerships: Humane Society, PTA's, Animal Resource Center

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Programs





10.4.3 Promote responsible pet ownership.

- Award “pet of the week” recognition with a photo in neighborhood newsletters or post at recreation centers.
- Stage fund-raising events such as local dog shows, most beautiful cat contests, Flag Day parade, and Oktoberfest animal awareness days.
- Encourage “Blessing of the Animals” ceremonies at area churches or other public forums to promote respect for animals of the neighborhood.

Timeline: Mid to Long

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: COSA Animal Care Department, Humane Society, Neighborhood Associations and Organizations, local churches, Girl and Boy Scouts, Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP), Animal Resource Center, Man & Beast

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer

OBJECTIVE 10.5: PREVENT UNWANTED AND STRAY ANIMAL POPULATION

Improve awareness about stray animal prevention to ensure a healthy and safe community.

10.5.1 Save animal lives through prevention practices.

- Hold animal adoption day twice a year.
- Have the Spay-Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) mobile unit visit the neighborhood every other month for spaying/neutering services.
- Contact the Animal Resource Center for low-cost or free spay/neuter services.
- Contact “Man and Beast” and “SKAT” (Stray Kats) to provide information on low cost neutering services.

Timeline: Mid to Long Term

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: COSA Animal Care Department, Humane Society, Girl and Boy Scouts, SNAP, Animal Resource Center, SKAT, Man & Beast

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Programs





GOAL 11: COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION

Strengthen the overall well-being of the neighborhood by decreasing prevalent criminal activity through resident involvement and two-way education that fosters an improved relationship between police and community.

OBJECTIVE 11.1: COMMUNITY AND SAPD COLLABORATION

Strengthen communication between community and police in order to manage crime proactively and comprehensively.

11.1.1 Develop community relationship with local SAPD officials and invite SAFFE Officer(s) to community meetings.

- Communicate with SAFFE Officer about specific instances of crime and areas where increased and more visible police presence is needed
- Have SAFEE and/or patrol officers patrol on bikes along the commercial corridors.
- Schedule more night patrols of drug houses, parks and crime areas in unmarked vehicles.
- Increase the number of neighborhood patrols or community policing initiatives in problem areas, especially during evening hours.
- Call 207-SAPD for non-emergency police calls.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: SAPD, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, Area businesses

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Programs

The central core of SAPD's Community Policing activities is the SAFFE (San Antonio Fear Free Environment) Unit.

SAFFE officers establish and maintain day-to-day interaction with residents and businesses within their assigned beats, in order to prevent crimes before they happen. SAFFE officers also act as liaisons with other city agencies, work closely with schools and youth programs, coordinate graffiti-removal activities, and serve as resources to residents who wish to take back their neighborhoods from crime and decay.

OBJECTIVE 11.2: EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ABOUT CRIME PREVENTION

Increase the flow of education within the community to promote safe homes and neighborhoods in order to prevent crime in coordination with the San Antonio Police Department.





11.2.1 Coordinate community meetings to discuss crime prevention in and out of the home, and encourage involvement in crime prevention programs.

- Contact the local SAPD Crime Prevention Specialist to arrange for Crime Prevention presentations at neighborhood association/community organization meetings and advertise and encourage resident involvement.
- Work with the SAPD Crisis Response Teams to address domestic violence within the home.
- Through community meetings and bilingual literature distribution, educate residents about SAPD's Home Safety Surveys for crime prevention and encourage such inspections in area homes, especially those in high-risk crime areas.
- Advertise and educate community vehicle owners about SAPD's HEAT (Help End Auto Theft) program and encourage residents to register their vehicles with this program.
- Encourage area business owners to participate in the Commercial Business Security Survey program offered by the SAPD. Increase the number of officers who are Business Survey certified to address the increased number of surveys conducted.
- Promote and implement Good Neighbor (Neighborhood Watch) and Cellular on Patrol programs and encourage new programs in areas currently not served. Contact SAFFE Office to arrange for these programs.
- Develop neighbor to neighbor "telephone tree" to report suspicious activity.

THE GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM, a self-help cooperative effort between you and your neighbors. It is an effective aid to the Police Department against crime. It consists of organizing the neighbors in your block to come together for three meetings which are coordinated by the Crime Prevention Specialists. Each meeting covers a different Crime Prevention topic presented by a specially trained Police Officer. The topics are; Home/Apartment Security, Auto Theft Prevention, and Personal Safety. If 50% of your neighbors participate in each of these meetings, then your block will qualify as a Good Neighbor Program, and you can purchase your Good Neighbor Program signs.

SAPD Crime Prevention Presentations include: Robbery Prevention, Personal Safety, Shoplifting Prevention, and Senior Citizen Safety.

Timeline: Short and on-going

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: SAPD Good Neighbor and Cellular on Patrol Divisions, SAPD San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Officers, SAPD Crisis Response Teams, COSA Parks & Recreation Dept, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, Local Residents and Businesses

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer and Existing Programs





The City's CELLULAR ON PATROL (COP) program began in 1993 to prepare neighborhood residents to be the "eyes and ears" of the police and to promote closer cooperation between residents and city agencies. The Basic COP Training Program, which is provided at SAPD substations, consists of eight hours of classroom training, plus the opportunity for up to eight hours of ride-along with a district patrol officer. Application forms and additional information can be found on the SAPD website or by calling the area's SAPD Substation or SAFFE Officer.

11.2.2 Expand community participation in National Night Out.

- Actively advertise National Night Out events through brochures and signage, enlisting the help of local churches, schools, and community organizations.
- Coordinate among Planning Area Neighborhood Associations / Community Organizations to ensure that all sectors of the Planning Area are able to participate.
- Build community, cultural identification and pride by holding quarterly resident gatherings.

Timeline: Short - Mid

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: SAPD, COSA Parks & Recreation Dept, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, local churches, SAISD

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer

11.2.3 Encourage participation in Park Police Watch Program.

- Schedule a Park Watch Program presentation at neighborhood association meetings to enroll residents in this program which encourages residents to monitor and report safety and security issues in the community's parks.
- Invite Community Operations/ Resource Education (C.O.R.E) officers from the Park Police to neighborhood association/community organization meetings to make public safety presentations that identify community concerns and quality of life issues while reducing the fear of crime

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: SAPD, COSA Parks & Recreation Dept, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Programs





SAPD CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The goal of the Citizen Police Academy (CPA) is to educate San Antonio citizens about the structure and activities of their police department. The CPA class is not a "training" class, but rather an information class; a behind-the-scenes look at the SAPD. The 11-week CPA course meets 1 night / week for 3 hours. Topics covered in the CPA class include SAPD organization and structure, cadet recruiting and training, divisions of the SAPD, plus hands-on workshops in areas such as Tactics, Fingerprinting and Firearms Safety. The CPA program believes informed and educated citizens will be more supportive of police officers and the department and more productive within their own neighborhoods.

OBJECTIVE 11.3: TARGET THE PREVENTION OF CRIMES AGAINST SENIORS

11.3.1 Initiate Community Education outreach programs about safety for senior citizens.

- Stop theft and other crimes targeted at the senior population in the community.
- Coordinate home and community center visits to seniors in the community to distribute educational pamphlets.
- Coordinate between local banks, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organization to provide presentations to seniors about check cards as a safe alternative to carrying cash.
- Investigate the viability of implementing a grocery delivery program or legitimate taxi service for seniors who have no or limited access to reliable transportation.

Timeline: Short - Mid

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: SAPD, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, Local Senior Centers, Local Churches, AARP, National Association of Retired Executives (NARE), Area Banks, VIA Metropolitan Transit, HEB

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer

OBJECTIVE 11.4: IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE TO CREATE SAFER ENVIRONMENTS

11.4.1 Work with Infrastructure and Facilities committee and City Council Person to get street lights where needed.

See Infrastructure and Facilities Section of the Plan.





11.4.2 Educate area business owners concerning City Public Service's (CPS) All-Night Security Light Program through neighborhood and community association meetings.

- CPS leases several types of outdoor lights – leased outdoor lights are installed and maintained by CPS, while the customer pays a small monthly charge included in the electric bill.

Timeline: Short to Mid

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: City Public Service, Local Business and Residents, COSA Development Services, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Programs, Private Donations

CPS customers interested in outdoor lighting may request a free survey of their premises, which includes an on-site consultation with a CPS representative concerning the type of lighting, location, additional facilities necessary and monthly rate.

11.4.3 Build relationships with local and chain home improvement stores, and request that they donate motion sensor lights, particularly to the elderly, and volunteer installation.

Timeline: Mid

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: City Public Service, Local Business and Residents, COSA Development Services, Home Depot, Lowes, Guadalupe Lumber

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Programs, Private Donations

OBJECTIVE 11.5: LONG TERM DRUG TREATMENT

Decrease drug use and dependency within the community to enhance the area's sense of security and well-being.

11.5.1 Work with the Community Health, Education and Well-Being Committee and the Good Neighborhood Watch program to target drug activity locations and advocate for increased police patrol.

- Communicate with the SAPD Narcotics Department about drug activity in community homes, apartments and commercial buildings to protect the welfare of area residents, especially youth.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee and Community Health, Education and Well-Being Committee





Partnerships: SAPD, SAFTE Officers, San Antonio Cellular On Patrol Program, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, Local Businesses, Community Policing Groups, Neighborhood Watch / Good Samaritan Program, City Council Person

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Programs, Volunteer

11.5.2 Coordinate with the Community Health, Education and Well-Being Committee to advocate for long-term drug counseling and treatment programs.

Timeline: Mid to Long

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee and Community Health, Education and Well-Being Committee

Partnerships: Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, SAPD, Inman Christian Center, Local Churches

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Programs, Volunteer

OBJECTIVE 11.6: PROSTITUTION PREVENTION

Prevent prostitution activity in the community, especially in areas where it is currently prevalent, by creating alternative opportunities.

11.6.1 Advocate for long-term treatment programs that provide comprehensive counseling services to women and men.

- Incorporate job and life skills trainings into treatment programs.

Timeline: Mid to Long

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: SAPD Cellular on Patrol, SAPD Vice Unit, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, City Health Organizations

Proposed Funding Sources: General City Fund, Targeted Federal Funding

11.6.2 Form a Cellular on Patrol to identify areas where prostitution is prevalent and to dialogue about long-term solutions.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: SAPD Cellular on Patrol, Local Residents and Business Owners, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations

Proposed Funding Sources: Volunteer, Existing Programs

11.6.3 Advocate for increased enforcement of Prostitution laws in the planning area.

Timeline: Mid to Long





Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: SAPD Vice Unit, City Council Person, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations

Proposed Funding Sources: General Fund

OBJECTIVE 11.7: GRAFFITI EDUCATION, REMOVAL, AND PREVENTION

Reduce the occurrence of graffiti vandalism and tagging in the community and improve vandalism clean-up efforts.

11.7.1 Provide local residents and business owners with greater access to educational materials about graffiti as art and graffiti as vandalism and tagging.

- Invite staff from local cultural arts organizations such as San Anto Cultural Arts Center, to speak at schools and community meetings about the differences between graffiti as street art and graffiti as vandalism (tagging) and ways to limit the vandalism and promote the art.
- Distribute literature to the community concerning graffiti vandalism and tagging prevention and abatement. Include numbers to call for reporting tagging and how to become involved in clean-up.
- Invite staff from the Graffiti Wipeout Program (COSA Public Works) to speak at neighborhood association and community organization meetings concerning vandalism prevention and abatement.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: COSA Public Works, COSA Department of Community Initiatives - Office of Cultural Affairs, SAISD, PTA's, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, Local Business Owners, San Anto Cultural Arts Center, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, Esperanza Peace and Justice Center

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer

11.7.2 Organize community efforts to monitor graffiti vandalism and tagging activity.

- Work with SAFFE officers, Good Neighbor groups, and Cellular on Patrol (COP) to increase surveillance of areas that are frequent targets of tagging.
- Encourage residents and business owners to report all incidents of graffiti vandalism by calling 311, leaving a detailed message and requesting a call back. Maintain a log of all calls.
- Encourage business owners and residents to keep vandalism-prone areas well lit and to plant trees or other greenery near walls plagued with tagging.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee





Partnerships: COSA Public Works, SAISD, PTA, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, SAFFE Officers, Cellular on Patrol, COPS/Metro Alliance, Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer

11.7.3 Work with schools to start the “Graffiti Hurts” curriculum.

- Develops in students a sense of respect and responsibility for their surroundings and helps them understand why graffiti vandalism is harmful to them, their neighborhood, and their community.
- The program targets children in grades 3 -5 and offers seven different lesson plans that teach graffiti prevention.
- School districts can obtain this curriculum through Keep San Antonio Beautiful.

Timeline: Mid

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee, SAISD

Partnerships: Keep San Antonio Beautiful, COSA Environmental Services, SAISD

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Program

11.7.4 Collaborate with City of San Antonio Departments to organize vandalism clean up projects and volunteer days.

- Work with COSA Environmental Services to organize paint-outs with community groups.
- Apply with the COSA Graffiti Wipeout Coordinator to request that an area in the community be included as a project for Graffiti Wipeout Day.
- Encourage church groups and other community organization to also organize paint-outs as part of their public service and outreach programs.
- Coordinate with COSA Parks and Recreation to organize a graffiti vandalism removal day. Parks and Recreation removes tagging along designated “hot spots” on a rotational basis using volunteer and restitution volunteer labor.
- Increase collaboration between SAPD SAFFE Officers and area residents and businesses to prevent tagging before it occurs.

Timeline: Short and on-going

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: SAPD, COSA Public Works Department, COSA Environmental Services Department, COSA Office of Cultural Affairs, COSA Parks and Recreation Department, Residents, Businesses, Churches, SAISD, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, VIA Metro Transit

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Programs, Volunteer





11.7.5 Foster organized Community Murals / Street Art as an alternative to graffiti vandalism.

- Coordinate with area schools and other community groups to channel youth in need of community service hours to participate with mural projects.
- Collaborate with the COSA Office of Cultural Affairs in increase involvement with their free one-hour mural workshops.
- Murals are an opportunity to expand the community's public art; they deter tagging; and by involving multiple generations, they enhance community pride.

Timeline: Short to Mid

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: COSA Department of Community Initiatives Office of Cultural Affairs, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, Local Schools, Local Church and School Youth Groups, Local Residents and Businesses, San Anto Cultural Arts Community Mural Program

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Programs, Volunteer

OBJECTIVE 11.8: REDUCE GANG ACTIVITY

Reduce gang activity in the area to increase neighborhood safety and the well being of area youth.

11.8.1 Discuss gang activity and prevention at community meetings.

- Coordinate with SAFFE and SAPD to obtain speakers for Planning Area Neighborhood Association and Community Organization meetings who can educate residents on gang indicators and gang prevention.
- Obtain area statistics regarding gang activity and utilize the data as a benchmark to assess the prevalence of gang activity and whether it is on the rise or decline in the planning area.
- Place particular emphasis on engaging parents and getting them involved in prevention programs.

Timeline: Short

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: SAPD, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, PTA, COSA Community Initiatives Department

Proposed Funding Sources: Minimal / Volunteer

11.8.2 Collaborate with school districts and parents in gang prevention programs.

- Contact school districts to discuss after school activities, especially those aimed at gang prevention, that area schools could offer and that the community can promote.





- Work with San Anto Cultural Arts Center and the COSA Office of Cultural Affairs to promote youth involvement in mural and other public art projects as a way to culturally ground youth by connecting them to alternative activities.
- Urban smARTS is an after-school art enrichment program operated by COSA Community Initiatives in coordination with San Antonio Independent School District.
- Striving Together to Achieve Rewarding Tomorrows (START) is a long-term, intensive case management program operated by COSA Community Initiatives for high-risk youth identified by their school principal.

Timeline: Short to Mid

Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: School District, COSA Department of Community Initiatives and Office of Cultural Affairs, Guadalupe Cultural Center, SAPD, Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, Local Schools.

Proposed Funding Sources: Existing Programs

11.8.3 Promote collaboration between community organizations, SAFFE officers and the SAPD about gang activity and prevention.

- Ensure that the SAPD is aware of alternative programs being offered to youth in the community.
- Work with SAPD to start GREAT (Gang and Drug Resistance) programs.
- Contact SAFFE and the SAPD gang detail to explore the possibility of additional patrols and enforcement.
- Explore use of gang injunction “safety zone” with SAPD.

Injunctions are civil court orders that bar alleged gang members from participating in 30 specific activities (including street fighting, having aerosol paint, and using cell phones in public places for illegal purposes) within a “safety zone.”

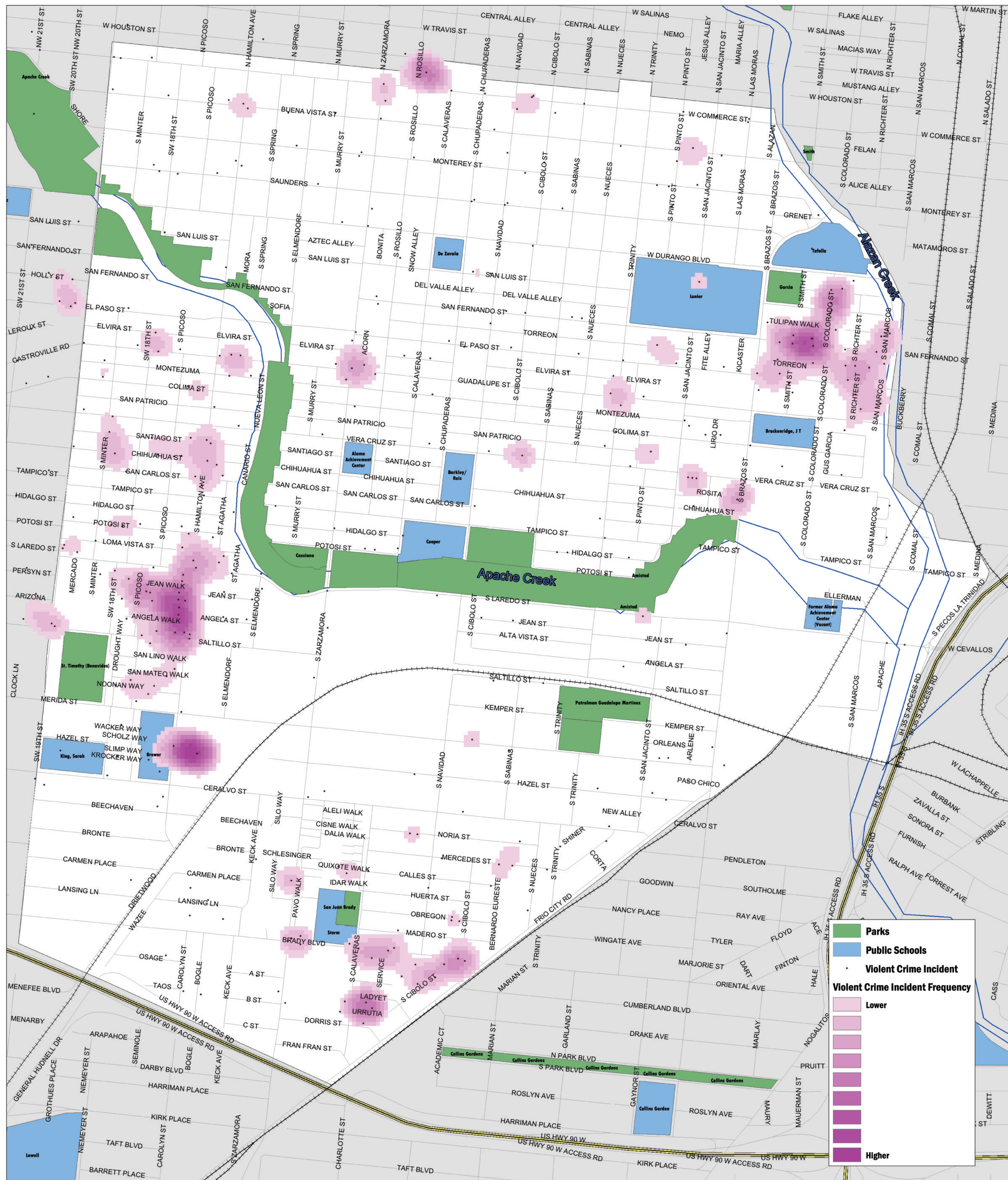
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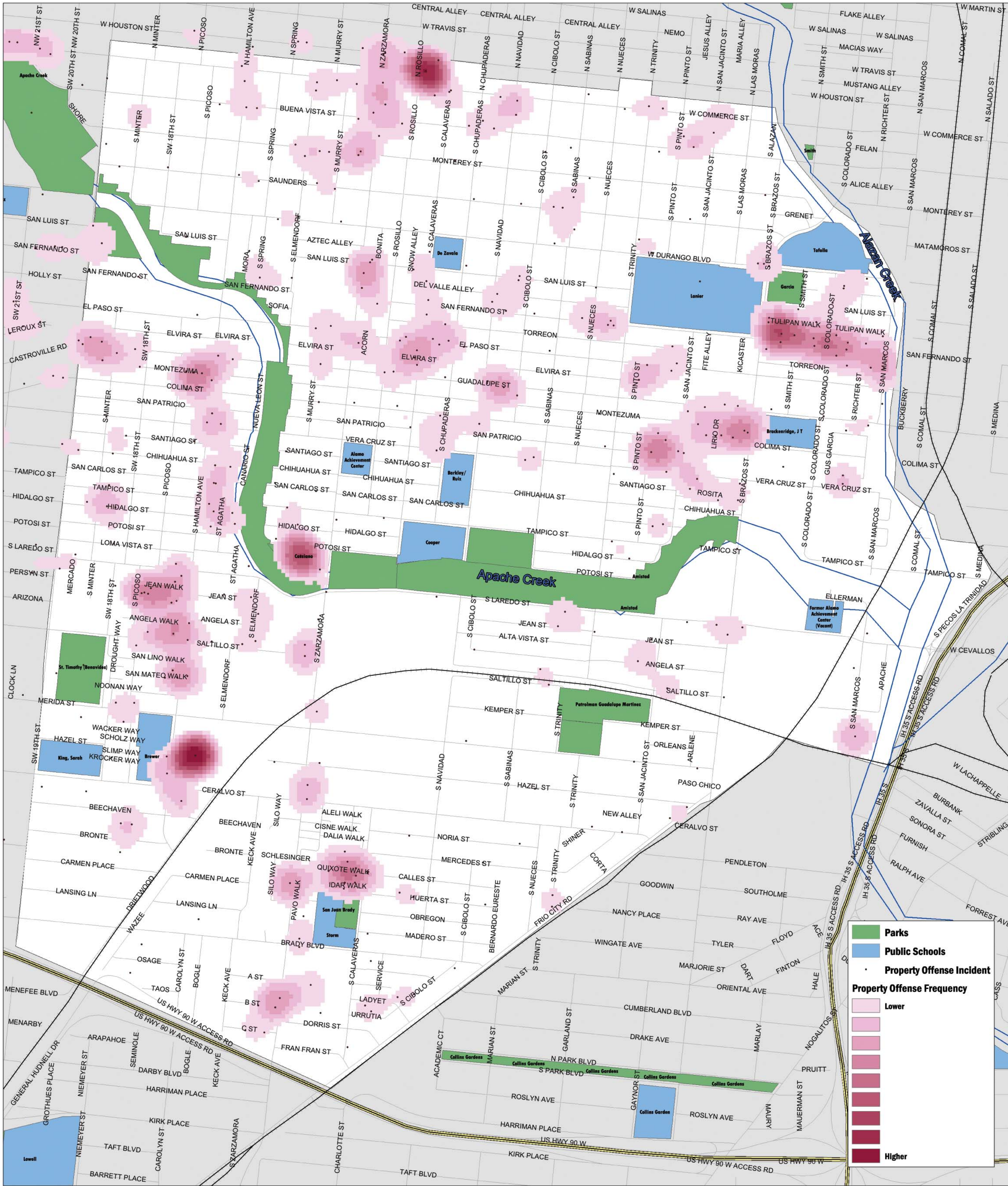
Lead Partner: Public Safety and Code Compliance Committee

Partnerships: SAPD, City Council Person, Neighborhood Associations and Community Organizations, Cultural History and Arts Centers

Proposed Funding Sources: General Fund, Volunteer







Based on information provided by
the San Antonio Police Department.

Property Offenses

January 1st - July 25th, 2006
Guadalupe Westside Community Plan



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